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1. DRAWING ON MATERIAL CONTAINED REFTELS, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR INITIATING A ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WITH APPROPRIATE GOV OFFICIALS INCLUDING OFFICIALS OF OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION TO ISSUES COVERED IN REFTELS, HOWEVER, WE EXPECT GOV TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF PROBLEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THEM. CONSULTATIONS EXPECTED TO BE INITIATED MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS BELOW BEFORE THEN.

2. WHAT IS STATUS OF US CONTRIBUTION TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR PORTUGAL? AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOV HAS COMMITTED \$22.5 MILLION TO JOINT EFFORT, HAS DISBURSED \$15 MILLION AND WILL DEPOSIT BALANCE WITH
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BANK OF PORTUGAL ON MARCH 23, 1978.

3. WHAT IS STATUS OF COORDINATED CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE? DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT DURING DECEMBER MEETING IN WASHINGTON IT WAS DECIDED A CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION WOULD BE FORMED IN THE SPRING OF 1978 TO DEAL WITH THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

TRIES AND EXAMING PROPOSALS FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION.
WHEN IS MEETING OF THIS GROUP LIKELY TO BE HELD?
ARE NECESSARY TECHNICAL STUDIES UNDERWAY?

4. REFTELS DISCUSS UNGA AND MTN PERFORMANCE OF LDCS IN
GENERAL TERMS.STATE 26506 CITES INSTANCES WHERE VENEZUELA
WAS HELPFUL DURING RECENT UNGA. CAN DEPARTMENT CITE FURTHER
INSTANCES WHERE VENEZUELANS WERE HELPFUL EITHER IN UNGA OR
MTN CONTEXT? VAKY

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